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NAME : Meyer LANSKY (Bureau of Narcotics International List No. 169).

ALIASES : Born Meyer SUCHOWLANSKY; "Bugs" Meyer; Morris LIEBERMAN; Meyer "The Bug"; Charlie "The Bug"; Little Meyer; George LIEBERMAN; Meyer LAMANSKY; Meyer "The Lug".

DESCRIPTION : Born July 4, 1902 at Grodno, Poland; Jewish extraction; 5'5" tall; 145 lbs.; brown eyes, grey-brown hair; 1" scar on right side of head; 6" operational scar on right shoulder; naturalized in Brooklyn, NYC on 9-27-28.

LOCALITIES FREQUENTED : Resides at 612 Hibiscus Drive, Hallandale, Florida; formerly resided at 3800 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida; frequents Gold Coast Lounge, Hollywood, Florida; Miami, Florida; Las Vegas, Nevada; Los Angeles, California; Havana, Cuba during Batista regime; Italy; France.

FAMILY BACKGROUND : Father: MAX
Mother: YETTA nee GRATCH
1st Wife: Anna CITRON (divorced); children from this marriage: BERNARD (said to be a cripple or a paraplegic; used to operate the Tuscany Motel, Hollywood, Florida); SANDRA; PAUL (said to be a West Point graduate, now in the U.S. Air Force).
2nd Wife: Thelma SCHWARTZ, also known as Teddy.
Brother: Jack LANSKY, notorious racketeer.

CRIMINAL HISTORY : F.B.I. No. 791783; NYC P.D. B# 70258
10-24-18 - Manhattan - Fel. Asslt. - On 10-28-18 Final Charge - Discharged; Dis. Conduct - Judge McAdoo
11-14-18 - Manhattan - Dis. Conduct - Fined \$2.00 Judge Mancuso
8-16-20 - Manhattan - Dis. Conduct - Fined \$2.00 Judge Mancuso
3-6-28 - Queens, NYC - Fel. Asslt. -3-7-28; discharged - Judge Marvin

3-7-28 - Manhattan - Homicide- 3-10-28; discharged - Judge McCreary, Homicide Court

1-6-29 - Manhattan - 1752 P.L. (Drugs) - 1-7-29; discharged - Judge Brodsky

11-23-31 - Brooklyn as Morris LIEBERMAN - viol. Volstead Act & Smuggling Liquor - 2-11-32; Fined \$100 by Judge Moscowitz, Fed. Court (Arrested with 56 others at foot of Clinton St., Bklyn., NYC; entered in book 12-1-31)

4-19-32 - Chicago, Ill. - Suspect - 4-21-32; discharged - Judge Schiller

9-10-52 - Troy N.Y.; N.Y. State Police - Conspiracy, common gambler & forgery 3rd. - released on \$10,000 bail; Info. Dept. of Just. - 3-5-53

5-2-53 - Saratoga County, N.Y. - Conspiracy common gambler - Sent. to 3 months in County Jail and fined \$500 on 5 counts; total fine \$2,500; Info. Dept. of Correction 2-24-58

2-11-58 - Manhattan - 887 CCP - Vagrancy no visible means of support - discharged 2-27-58

Note: On August 20, 1950 the Broward County Grand Jury also returned indictments against Meyer LANSKY, Jack LANSKY, William G. BISCHOFF, Frank SCHIRMAN, Sam Lawrence BRATT, Claude LITTERAL, George SADLOW and Vincent ALO charging them with operating a gambling house at the Club Green Acres, Hallendale, Florida.

BUSINESSES : There is nothing of record. However it is strongly suspected that he has extensive, secret financial holdings, particularly in motel and supermarket chains (discussed in detail in body of the report). He is the prototype of the prominent gangster who has sunk his undeclared racket earnings into legitimate channels.

SUMMARY and BACKGROUND : Meyer LANSKY, Bureau of Narcotics International List No. 169, one of this nation's leading mobsters, is one of the top Jewish associates in a syndicate composed of high ranking hoodlums of Italian extraction who control the major rackets in the U.S.A. and Canada.

Meyer LANSKY has the following racketeers as his close associates: Vito GENOVESE, F.B.I. No. 861267; Frank COSTELLO, F.B.I. No. 936217; Salvatore LUCANIA alias Lucky LUCIANO, F.B.I. No. 62920; Joseph DOTO alias Joe ADONIS, F.B.I. No. 500203; Michele MIRANDA, F.B.I. No. 91524; Santo TRAFFICANTE Jr., F.B.I. No. 4852531; Anthony STROLLO, F.B.I. No. 4282858; Jack LANSKY, no known record; Harry STROMBERG, F.B.I. No. 786309; Jack SHAPIRO, F.B.I. No. 4852531; Connie IMMERMANN.

Meyer LANSKY was reportedly a member of the infamous Murder Inc. of Brooklyn which allegedly performed numerous killings throughout the U.S.A. for the syndicate. He was intimately associated with the late Louis BUCHALTER alias LEPKE, who was executed in the 1940's in Sing Sing prison for a Murder Inc. homicide. He was also associated with the late Benjamin SIEGEL alias SIEGAL alias "Bugsy SIEGEL" who was shotgunned to death in California on June 20, 1947. LANSKY was in California when SIEGEL was shot to death. Another intimate, infamous associate was the late Albert ANASTASIA who was shot to death in a gangland slaying on October 25, 1957 while sitting in a barber chair in the barber shop of the Hotel Park Sheraton, NYC.

For at least the past 30 years Meyer LANSKY has been associated with leading Jewish and Italian gangsters in the U.S.A. suspected of smuggling vast quantities of heroin into the U.S.A. from Europe, Canada, Mexico and Cuba. He has also been suspected of engaging in the local and interstate distribution of heroin and opium. Among his other suspected lucrative illicit activities are gambling and the smuggling of diamonds into the U.S.A.

During the Batista regime in Cuba, Meyer LANSKY and his brother, Jack LANSKY, ran opulent gambling casinos in Havana, Cuba allegedly for the syndicate headed by Lucky LUCIANO, Frank COSTELLO and their associates.

Anthony CARFANO alias Little Augie PISANO, an intimate associate of Frank COSTELLO et al, was murdered in Queens, NYC, in a gangland slaying on September 26, 1959. CARFANO was suspected of having made overtures just prior to his death to take over the syndicate's leadership.

One of the theories advanced for these three important gangland killings (Albert ANASTASIA, "Bugsy" SIEGEL and Anthony CARFANO) is that each in his own way tried injudiciously to declare themselves into a higher share of the syndicate's illicit profits especially derived from narcotics and gambling.

Meyer LANSKY is said to have participated in the successful plot to eliminate these three overly ambitious underworld kingpins.

As matters now stand, Meyer LANSKY is a power to be reckoned with in the underworld. His influence is nationwide and international as attested to by his present prominent status in the gangster element and his close friendship with Lucky LUCIANO, who although in Italy, is suspected of still having a strong voice in the formulation and implementation of underworld policy in the U.S.A.

Meyer LANSKY is well respected by the syndicate for his business acumen which has contributed greatly toward the syndicate's amassing of wealth, through gambling operations, particularly in New York, New Jersey, Florida, Nevada, and Cuba.

CHRONOLOGY : Meyer LANSKY was born Meyer SUCHOWLANSKY on July 4, 1902 at Grodno, Poland, the son of Max and Yetta SUCHOWLANSKY.

The files of the Bureau of Narcotics reflect that Meyer LANSKY emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1911. The files also reflect that Meyer LANSKY has stated that he graduated from Public School No. 34, in the lower east side of Manhattan, in 1916 or 1917. He was naturalized in Brooklyn, N.Y. on 9-27-28.

Meyer LANSKY came to the attention of the NYC P.D. on October 24, 1918 when he was arrested by Detective Hughes of the 7th Precinct and charged with felonious assault. The charge was reduced to disorderly conduct. He was discharged on October 28, 1918 by Judge McAdoo, 1st Court.

In 1925 the late "Bugsy" SIEGEL was temporarily feuding with his criminal associate Meyer LANSKY. One Daniel Francis AHEARN, a good friend of Meyer LANSKY, visited "Bugsy" SIEGEL, slapped him in the face and told him not to harm Meyer LANSKY. The following evening AHEARN was walking in the Broome Street area of N.Y. City. An automobile drove up to him. "Bugsy" SIEGEL got out of the car and shot AHEARN in the face and arm.

The car drove off but not before AHEARN noticed Jack LANSKY, MEYER's brother, at the wheel. In the back seat were two other gangsters. AHEARN was taken to the hospital and recovered.

While AHEARN was recovering, one Pete BENDER, AHEARN's friend, was making inquiries in the neighborhood in order to identify AHEARN's assailants. As a result of this interference in a private feud, Meyer LANSKY and others abducted BENDER. They took him in an automobile, killed him, and threw his body out of the car. It is believed that Jack LANSKY Meyer's brother, probable conspired in this murder.

Meyer LANSKY came to the attention of the Bureau of Narcotics (then the Narcotics Division of the Internal Revenue Service) on May 10, 1929 when a report of LANSKY's arrest on 1-6-29 by the N.Y. City Police Department for violation of 1752 P.L. (drugs) was received. LANSKY was discharged on 1-7-29 by Judge Brodsky, 7th Court.

The LANSKY brothers began their gambling activities as early as 1925. At that time they operated dice games, card games and various forms of roulette in the back rooms of restaurants, clubs and hotel rooms in various parts of N.Y. City.

From this small beginning, the LANSKY brothers branched out. For several years before World War II they operated the Arrowhead and Piping Rock gambling casinos at Saratoga Springs, N.Y. They also engaged in the slot-machine enterprise. Together with Frank COSTELLO and Phil KASTEL, they formed, in 1936, the Louisiana Mint Co., a slot-machine organization in New Orleans, Louisiana. They manufactured slot machines and distributed them to clubs and restaurants which they themselves owned as well as to those operated by other gangsters.

Before the LANSKY brothers entered this company it was known as the PELICAN NOVELTY Co. and before that as the BAYOU NOVELTY COMPANY.

In 1929 Jack LANSKY was allegedly in the fur business in New York, N.Y. However, no record could ever be found to substantiate this nor could anyone be found who personally knew of Jack LANSKY's fur business.

Investigation subsequently disclosed that Jack LANSKY was on the payroll of the Bronx Fur Dressing Co., 1926

Lafayette Ave., Bronx, N.Y., N.Y. He was not actually in the fur business but was receiving compensation from the company as part of a "shake-down" extortion racket which involved the fur company. This company was coerced into paying \$75.00 per week to LANSKY's gang. This money was paid by putting Jack LANSKY on the payroll.

This extortion racket was masterminded by Meyer LANSKY, Jack LANSKY and "Bugsy" SIEGEL. Those companies and persons who refused to pay this extortion protection money were assaulted and often the persons were kidnapped and murdered. They also murdered competitors in the bootlegging racket.

In 1939 Meyer LANSKY was reported to be a partner of Louis BUCHALTER alias LEPKE and Jake SHAPIRO alias GURRAH, both of New York, N.Y. (As mentioned previously, the late LEPKE was one of the heads of the infamous Murder Inc. of Brooklyn, N.Y.) Meyer LANSKY was their representative in all their underworld activities. At that time Meyer LANSKY, who was residing in Havana, Cuba, was also associated with Al LEVY and Frank ERICKSON, conducting a gambling casino in Havana. (Subsequent investigation established the fact that Frank ERICKSON was a front man for notorious racketeer Frank COSTELLO, I.L. 310)

In the period from about 1930 to 1950 the LANSKY brothers operated the PLANTATION, the FARM CASINO, the COLONIAL INN and GREEN ACRES gambling casinos in Dade and Broward counties in Florida. The LANSKY brothers were part of a combine of leading New York, Detroit, Chicago, New Orleans and west coast gangsters who operated these casinos.

An example of one of their gambling operations was the COLONIAL INN at Miami Beach, Florida.

When the Florida gambling casinos were closed down the LANSKY brothers and their gangster associates moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. They took over and purchased gambling concessions already established. They also constructed new night clubs and gambling casinos. Simultaneously they enlarged their gambling activities in Havana, Cuba.

A reliable informant said that one Sam LEE, who was murdered in 1934 and Jack LEVINSON, both bootleggers, were murdered by the LANSKY-SIEGEL mob. One Sol BLOOM, wholesale importer of liquor, and his girl friend were also murdered by this gang. The informant was himself threatened and kidnapped but was released upon payment of a large sum of money.

In a memorandum dated October 23, 1939, District Supervisor Garland Williams reported that when NYC racketeers Jack SHAPIRO and Louis STARK disbanded their narcotic trafficking organization, Jack SHAPIRO took with him certain associates and allied himself with Jack LANSKY, thus securing for himself and his associates the protection and backing of Meyer LANSKY and the latter's close associate, "Bugsy" SIEGEL.

Louis STARK's newly formed organization under the protection of Meyer LANSKY and "Bugsy" SIEGEL was composed of the following named individuals:

- a) Joey WIENER - behind the scenes planner and director
- b) Jake POLAKEWITZ - furnished European sources of heroin supply; took care of smuggling and distribution of the heroin.
- c) "Tootsie" FEINSTEIN - Triggerman and muscleman for the organization.
- d) Solly GROSS and Benny HARRIS - These men were partners and constituted one of the biggest outlets for drugs.

This organization, under the protection of Meyer LANSKY and "Bugsy" SIEGEL, worked very successfully up until the time that the Bureau of Narcotics developed a case against Solly GROSS and Benny HARRIS. It continued operations after the arrest of Solly GROSS but just about the time that Solly GROSS came to trial in court, the underworld believed that he was talking to the Government. This impression was quite strong in the underworld and caused the organization to break up.

In 1938 Meyer LANSKY was listed by the late New York City Police Commissioner, Louis Valentine, as one of the nations public enemies and was once described in a police investigator's report as "the brightest boy in the combination", meaning the underworld syndicate.

In a memorandum dated January 9, 1940 former District Supervisor Garland Williams reported that two top fugitives, one HADY and one MAYO were being sought by the F.B.I. HADY and MAYO were bank robbers working for Meyer LANSKY and "Bugsy" SIEGEL. They operated mainly around Chicago and the West Coast. Meyer LANSKY and "Bugsy" SEIGEL were reported at that time to have on their payroll an un-

identified, very wealthy and influential Californian. This man was said to have the unusual hobby of protecting fugitives. He was suspected of harboring fugitives HADY and MAYO for LANSKY and SIEGEL.

In a memorandum dated March 5, 1947, former Narcotic Agent A.D. Crimmins reported that Meyer LANSKY and his partner, "Bugsy" SIEGEL were allegedly engaged in smuggling Narcotics and diamonds across the Mexican border into the U.S.A. at Laredo, Texas. They were also reportedly engaged in extortion of movie industry personalities, using strong arm methods to coerce payments.

During one occasion in 1944 "Bugsy" SIEGEL allegedly deposited a large sum of money in a Tijuana (Mexico) bank with which to purchase 1245 cans of opium. One Francisco ORBE, a Mexican, who participated in the transactions, was to have received \$60,000.00 commission from SIEGEL. Meyer LANSKY is reported to have approached an individual in 1945 with regard to the investment of \$100,000.00 to be used in the smuggling of contraband, including narcotics, from Mexico, promising tremendous profits.

In 1947 "Bugsy" SIEGEL was reputedly part owner of the Turf Club, a gambling establishment in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was also arranging at that time for the construction of a Las Vegas hotel, reportedly valued at \$3,000,000.00. SIEGEL at that time resided at Holmly Hills, West Los Angeles, California, in a 35 room house where he entertained lavishly.

In 1947 Meyer LANSKY resided in a penthouse apartment at 211 Central Park West, New York, N.Y. He made frequent trips to Los Angeles and Hollywood, California and Las Vegas, Nevada. He was reported to possess an income approximating that of his partner "Bugsy" SIEGEL.

In an excerpt of a teletype message dated March 14, 1947 it was asserted that former Narcotic Agent J. Ray Olivera, then in Cuba on a special assignment, said that Meyer LANSKY was associated with Frank COSTELLO in the Lucky LUCIANO gambling enterprises in Cuba.

In a letter dated March 17, 1947 Narcotic Agent William Schaefer stated that investigation at that time disclosed that Meyer LANSKY and his brother Jack LANSKY had a financial interest in the Colonial Inn, Hallandale, Florida, a very exclusive night club and gambling establishment south of Hollywood on U.S. Highway No. 1. It was reported

that in 1946 this establishment did \$3,000,000.00 worth of business. A record of toll calls charged to telephone numbers Steward 1076; unlisted number 1582, number 1054 and telephone number 1055, all listed to the LANSKYS at the inn, at that time reflected 10 calls by one of the LANSKYS to Chester SIMS, the National Casino, Havana, Cuba and 3 calls to racketeer Connie IMMERMEN, the National Casino, Havana, Cuba.

(It is noted here that in a letter dated March 30, 1947 Commissioner of Narcotics H.J. Anslinger identified Chester SIMS, (mentioned above), as being a New York gambler who was at that time working at the gambling casino in Havana. SIMS has been allegedly associated with Lucky LUCIANO.)

In a letter dated March 31, 1947 District Supervisor Garland Williams, District No. 2, informed Mr. D.J. BOLICH, Special Agent in charge, Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue, N.Y. 7, N.Y. of Meyer LANSKY's and Jack LANSKY's gambling interests in Cuba. Additionally, Mr. Williams stated in his letter that it was also thought to be correct that the LANSKY brothers were at that time financially interested in the various underworld activities carried on in Southern California, Nevada and Mexico under the direct supervision of their associate "Bugsy" SIEGEL. These operations involved the traffic in narcotic drugs, smuggling of other contraband, the operation of large scale enterprises, labor unions in the movie colony and casual illegal activities in association with various prominent movie characters. Mr. Williams reported that Meyer LANSKY at that time resided with his wife, children and servants in Apartment 119-G at 211 Central Park West, NYC. Jack LANSKY and his wife at that time resided at 1146 Harrison St., Hollywood, Florida. "Bugsy" SIEGEL at that time resided at 250 North Delfern Drive, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Williams told Mr. BOLICH that the above information might have been of value to his office in connection with auditing the income tax returns of these individuals.

In a letter dated March 18, 1947 District Supervisor Garland H. Williams reported that Lucky LUCIANO made the following indicated telephone calls from the telephone in his residence in Havana, Cuba to the following numbers in Hollywood, Florida:

12-24-46 -- Hollywood 1054, talk to anyone
1-1-47 -- Colonial Restaurant, Hollywood; to anyone
1-6-47 -- Colonial Restaurant Inn, Hollywood, to
anyone
1-28-47 -- Hollywood 018 for Mr. LANSKY

(The above mentioned calls on 12-24-46, 1-1-47 and 1-6-47 were made by one Jose GRANDA or George GRANDA, presumably an alias of Lucky LUCIANO.)

In a memorandum report dated 3-21-47 Narcotic Agent J. Ray Olivera reported that a series of celebrations were held for LUCIANO after he had been established in Cuba. Movie actor Frank SINATRA appeared at one of these. Movie actor Bruce CABOT appeared at another. Ralph CAPONE, Brother of Al CAPONE, Frank COSTELLO and Meyer LANSKY appeared at several of the celebrations. Agent Olivera on one occasion interviewed Lucky LUCIANO in Havana in 1947. LUCIANO admitted to him that Frank COSTELLO, Meyer LANSKY, Ralph CAPONE and "Bugsy" SIEGEL had visited him in Havana.

In a letter dated April 22, 1947 Customs Agent H.S. Hopkins stated that, according to Chief of Police Tompson, Hollywood, Florida, the Colonial Inn was run by Jack LANSKY and his brother Meyer LANSKY. The club, like several others in the area, including the GREEN ACRES and La BOHEMIA was then allegedly operated by the Frank COSTELLO and Lucky LUCIANO syndicate. Joseph DOTO alias Joe ADONIS, I.L. 79, Vincent ALO alias Jimmie Blue Eyes, Phil KASTEL and Meyer LANSKY were at that time reported to members of the syndicate operating the Colonial Inn. Meyer LANSKY and Joseph DOTO were said to be the real operators of Colonial Inn and were said to be the representatives of Lucky LUCIANO and Frank COSTELLO in this venture.

Customs Agent H.S. Hopkins also reported that the Hotel WOFFORD, 2400 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, was at that time leased to an outfit headed by Anthony CARFANO alias Little Augie PISANO, I.L. 31, and according to the police it was used as a gambling establishment.

Agent Hopkins also remarked in his letter that two articles in Collier's Weekly Magazine of April 12, 1947 and April 19, 1947, titled "America's No. 1 Mystery Man" by Herbert Asbury furnished a very good resume of Lucky LUCIANO, Meyer LANSKY, Frank COSTELLO, Joseph DOTO and others and brings out the extensive operations by the various suspects in New Orleans, Florida and other parts of the U.S.A.

For the year ending December 31, 1947 as compared with the 1946 holdings, there are listed below the names of the owners of the COLONIAL INN, a plush gambling establishment, Hallendale, Florida:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>1946 % Owned</u>	<u>1947 % Owned</u>	<u>Change in % Owned</u>
Sam L. BRATT	7.5	7.5	0.0
Richard MELVIN	7.5	7.5	0.0
Jack LANSKY	10.0	16.0	6.0 inc.
Meyer LANSKY	10.0	16.0	6.0 inc.
Vincent ALO	7.5	8.0	0.5 inc.
Joseph DOTO	5.0	15.0	10.0 inc.
George SADLOW	10.0	16.0	6.0 inc.
Claude LITTERAL	0.0	5.0	5.0 inc.
Bert BRIGGS	5.0	5.0	0.0
Frank ERICKSON	5.0	5.0	0.0
Mert WERTHEIMER	32.5	0.0	32.5 dec.
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	

Meyer LANSKY, Jack LANSKY and Joseph DOTO, owning an aggregate 46% ownership represented the Frank COSTELLO faction. Also, Vincent ALO and Frank ERICKSON were close associates of Frank COSTELLO in this venture.

In a memorandum dated April 5, 1948 Narcotic Agent Price C. Spivey reported that information at that time had it that the CONSOLIDATED TELEVISION, 601 West 26th St., NYC was racket-owned by a group headed by Meyer LANSKY. (This information was not verified.)

In a letter dated February 3, 1949 Narcotic Agent William J. Craig stated that information had it that about 18 months previously Meyer LANSKY, Frank COSTELLO and Abraham ZWILLMAN (deceased), I.L. 364, spent three or four days with racketeer Mickey COHEN in Los Angeles, California. There was also a rumor to the effect that Meyer LANSKY at that time owned either a house or a ranch in the San Fernando Valley section of Los Angeles, California. Efforts were made to varify these rumors buy they were unsuccessful.

In a memorandum dated June 24, 1949 Commissioner of Narcotics H.J. Anslinger stated that Meyer LANSKY expected to leave the U.S.A. for a visit to Italy, sailing from NYC on June 28, allegedly one of his purposes being to consult with Lucky LUCIANO there. Mr. Anslinger remarked in this letter that the Department of State might desire to take adverse action respecting Meyer LANSKY's passport application.

In a memorandum dated June 24, 1949 Assistant to the Commissioner Malachi L. Harney reported that he was informed that Meyer LANSKY was issued a passport by the Department of State on June 15, 1949.

On June 28, 1949 Meyer LANSKY sailed with his wife, THELMA, aboard the SS Italia for Lisbon and Italian ports. Before sailing, Meyer LANSKY was questioned by Narcotic Agents at his apartment, 40 Central Park South, NYC. Lansky admitted to being a common gambler and being a friend of Frank COSTELLO, I.L.310; Joseph DOTO I.L.29 and other leading racketeers. He also stated that he would probably see Lucky LUCIANO in Italy and speak with him. He admitted past and then present ownership of large gambling houses in Florida and in Havana, Cuba.

In a memorandum report dated August 3, 1945 Narcotic Agent Leroy W. Morrison advised that a confidential source of information stated that he was approached to put up \$1,000,000.00 to join the syndicate. Agent Morrison stated also in the memorandum that Meyer LANSKY, a member of this syndicate, was at the time engaged in transporting narcotics across from the Mexican border. LANSKY's narcotic source at that time was said to be one QUEXARES, 2017 St. Laredo Street, Laredo, Texas. Narcotic deliveries were made to and from QUEXARES' house at the aforementioned address.

From 1948 to 1950 the Bureau of Narcotics conducted an intensive and comprehensive investigation of narcotic conspiracy case Special Endeavor 226 involving notorious trafficker Harold MELTZER I.L. 219A, one time close associate of notorious Los Angeles racketeer Mickey COHEN. During this investigation, information was received that Meyer LANSKY, Harry STROMBERG alias Nig ROSEN, Willie WEISBERG and several leading Italian racketeers were then associated with Harold MELTZER in a conspiracy to flood the U.S.A. with opium. Attempts to prove that Meyer LANSKY and some close associates were the actual financial backers of Harold MELTZER relative to SE 226 were unsuccessful. This conspiracy investigation, which extended from 1945 to 1949, involved approximately five (5) defendants. The bulk opium distributed by the MELTZER group was allegedly in great part converted to heroin in clandestine laboratories in the New York Area.

In a memorandum dated December 4, 1951 Narcotic Agent Charles Siragusa (now Assistant Deputy Commissioner) re-

ported information received at that time from a confidential source in Italy. This source stated that prior to the deportation of Lucky LUCIANO from the U.S.A. he, Lucky LUCIANO, came to an understanding with the Mafia element in the U.S.A. that Meyer LANSKY was to supervise all of LUCIANO's previous racket activities in the U.S.A. If any of LUCIANO's directives were disobeyed or if anyone in the U.S.A. interfered or muscled in on LANSKY's activities, Lucky LUCIANO would take appropriate strong action from Italy. For the most part the underworld has abided by his wishes.

Mr. Siragusa further reported that the source further stated that Meyer LANSKY gave Lucky LUCIANO's portion of the proceedings from American rackets to Lucky LUCIANO's brother who owns a very large cigarette vending machine company in New York City. The brother is only a front man for this company which operates 5,000 machines throughout the Eastern section of the United States. The money which Meyer LANSKY gave the brother is deposited in the bank account of the cigarette company. When Meyer LANSKY was last in Italy it was rumored that he brought \$150,000.00 in cash to Lucky LUCIANO. The bulk of LUCIANO's American income was put into this cigarette company by Meyer LANSKY. However, money from the smaller rackets in which Meyer LANSKY does not participate are personally brought to Lucky LUCIANO by racketeers who come to Italy extensively on personal visits.

In 1953 racketeer Vincent MANGANO of Brooklyn, NYC was in hiding to avoid underworld vengeance. In a memorandum dated April 16, 1953 Narcotic Agent Joseph Amato reported that a reliable source stated that MANGANO was at that time a guest in the Florida Keys at the Plantation Yacht Harbor. Agent Amato also reported therein that another reliable source stated that the Plantation Yacht Harbor is (was) owned jointly by Meyer LANSKY and Joseph SPINELLA of Paramus, New Jersey (now identified as Michael SPINELLA who was later deported to Italy.). SPINELLA told the latter source that he was a guest at the Plantation Yacht Harbor and that he met Meyer LANSKY two years previously when he was about to purchase a cabaret in Cuba for Joseph DOTO. Meyer LANSKY had sent one of his men to question SPINELLA about his intentions in this regard and upon learning that SPINELLA represented Joe DOTO, the matter was settled amicably. (SPINELLA represented Joe DOTO's interest in the Plantation Yacht Harbor.) This information was furnished in 1953 to the Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue, NYC.

In an unsigned memorandum dated May 11, 1953 in a file regarding "Bugsy" SIEGEL it is stated that information was received at that time that the actual killers of "Bugsy"

SIEGEL at Beverly Hills, California were Hymie SIEGAL (no relation) and Dave BERMAN. Both men had a reputation of being notorious killers. This information had that Dave BERMAN inherited a "piece" of the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, left open by the then recent death of racketeer Joseph SEDGEWAY. It is said that Meyer LANSKY probably arranged this, possibly as a reward for services in the murder of "Bugsy" SIEGEL.

In an article dated 9-29-53 appearing in the New York Daily News there is mention of the fact that U.S. Attorney Myles Lane, acting on orders of U.S. Attorney General McGranery, in denaturalization proceedings filed in Federal Court, SDNY, charged Meyer LANSKY with "deliberately and intentionally" concealing his criminal record in obtaining citizenship in 1928. U.S. Attorney Lane stated that LANSKY had a record of five arrests before he sought naturalization. The article further stated that the Senate crime investigating committee in 1952 named Meyer LANSKY as a partner of Frank COSTELLO and Joe DOTO in a "national crime syndicate". The denaturalization proceedings were deferred because the dockets were overcrowded in 1953.

On or about July 21, 1953 Meyer LANSKY was released from a New State prison where he had served 90 days for gambling.

On September 25, 1953 F.B.I. Director John Edgar Hoover wrote a letter to Mr. H.J. Anslinger, Commissioner reporting information from a confidential source that prior to Labor Day, Meyer LANSKY took an airplane flight to Brazil where he visited Lucky LUCIANO.

This information was checked out by the Bureau of Narcotics. In a memorandum dated October 8, 1953 Narcotic Agent Andrew C. Tartaglino reported that he scrutinized the outgoing airlines manifests at the NYC office of Immigration and Naturalization Service for 2 weeks prior to Labor day but did not come across the name of LANSKY thereon.

On July 12, 1956 Meyer LANSKY was granted U.S. Passport No. 135541 issued at Washington, D.C. This passport was limited to 3 months duration because of the then pending denaturalization suit against him by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. In his passport application Meyer LANSKY gave his permanent address as 3800 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida. He stated therein that he married his wife THELMA SHEER SCHWARTZ alias Teddy SCHWARTZ on 12-16-48. She was born in NYC on 11-18-07. Meyer LANSKY indicated that his mother, Yetta LANSKY, was then residing

at 240 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NYC. He stated therein that his father, MAX, was then deceased. He indicated that he wanted to go on a one month or six (6) weeks sight-seeing trip to Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela and Chile. He planned to leave from Miami, Florida via air on 7-20-56.

In a memorandum dated January 25, 1957 Narcotic Agent Howard W. Chappell received confidential information from a reliable source that Vera KRUPP, ex-wife of the President of the KRUPP MUNITIONS CORPORATION of Germany, then residing in Las Vegas, Nevada, reportedly brought with her the sum of twelve million dollars in cash into the U.S.A. According to this confidential information, with this money she succeeded in forcing Morrie FRIEDMAN out of the NEW FRONTIER gambling Casino in Las Vegas. On January 25, 1957 Vera KRUPP was issued a license by the State of Nevada to operate the NEW FRONTIER. No further information was then available to her associates; however it was reported to Agent Chappell that Meyer LANSKY was then also being "brought out" or forced out of his gambling connections by Mrs. KRUPP. This information was forwarded to the Internal Revenue Service.

In a memorandum report dated July 26, 1957 Narcotic Agent Armando J. Muglia reported that the files of the U.S. Attorney Office, Southern District of New York, reflect that Meyer LANSKY is probably the highest ranking member of the "Jewish Mob" operating in the garment center on NYC.

On October 25, 1957 the infamous Albert ANASTASIA of Murder Inc. of Brooklyn, N.Y. was shot to death while sitting in a barber chair in the barber shop of the Park Sheraton Hotel, NYC. Meyer LANSKY was one of the most powerful gangsters controlling gambling in Cuba during the regime of ex-Dictator Fulgencio BATISTA. This control was allegedly with the blessing of Lucky LUCIANO to whom LANSKY is allegedly responsible. It was reported that Albert ANASTASIA tried to muscle in on the lucrative gambling casinos in Havana, Cuba but met with great opposition from the top echelon mobsters, Meyer LANSKY being one of them. It was said that Meyer LANSKY masterminded the entire gambling operations in Cuba and the West Indies.

On February 23, 1958 Meyer LANSKY was arrested by the NYC P.D. as he got out of a cab after arriving in NYC by airplane from Miami, Florida. He was charged with vagrancy. This charge was dismissed 2-27-58.

On February 21, 1958 the Cuban Government announced it would not readmit Meyer LANSKY because of charges made against him in the U.S.A.

In a report dated February 26, 1958 Narcotic Agent Thomas W. Andrew referred to a report in the files of the Bureau of Narcotics dated October 24, 1950 wherein was reported information from a source close to Lucky LUCIANO. Source stated that he had recently returned from a visit to Italy where he spoke with LUCIANO on the Isle of Capri. Source stated that LUCIANO told him that he (LUCIANO) has just recently seen Meyer LANSKY in Italy.

In a letter dated March 27, 1958 U.S. Treasury Representative in charge, Havana, Cuba, William W. Johnson, stated that the RIVIERA CASINO at that time was operated by Meyer LANSKY, Frank ERICKSON, Giordino CELLINI, Ed LEVENSON and Dusty PETERS. The RIVIERA CASINO was apparently one of the more honest gambling casinos operated in Havana, but information as to the actual backers was not then available to Mr. Johnston. Mr. Johnston also reported that at that time Meyer LANSKY and his brother, Jack LANSKY, operated the NATIONAL CASINO in Havana, Cuba. To the public, Jack LANSKY was merely the floor manager of the casino, however, it was understood that Meyer and Jack LANSKY owned the major part of the casino and have under their management a number of technicians from Las Vegas. It was also understood that this casino was operated strictly on the level for the reason that habitues of the casino were the "boys" who demanded a square game when they felt like playing.

Prior to 1955 there were only two gambling casinos in Havana. One of them was the NATIONAL which in 1946 was jointly owned by Jack LANSKY and Ben MARDEN of NYC. Ben MARDEN formerly owned the RIVIERA NIGHT CLUB, Fort Lee, New Jersey. He was suspected of being a front man for Meyer and Jack LANSKY and other top hoodlums who were said to be the real owners of the RIVIERA.

During the BATISTA rule in Cuba, the LANSKY brothers and the syndicate operated the following casinos in Havana:

- a) TROPICANA
- b) San SOUCI
- c) RIVIERA
- d) CASINO INTERNATIONAL, HOTEL NATIONAL
- e) SEVILLA BILTMORE
- f) CAPRI HOTEL CASINO
- g) HAVANA HILTON

Information received from another Federal Law Enforcement Agency reveals the following information relative to Meyer LANSKY:

- a) In 1934 Meyer LANSKY and William SYMS Sr. allegedly took over the Hollywood Kennel Club, Hollywood, Florida. Because of Meyer LANSKY's criminal record the ownership and operation of the club was handled in the name of SYM Sr. (deceased). As of 1958 SYMS Jr., President of the Hollywood Kennel, has continued to this date this association with Jack LANSKY.
- b) During 1948 the COLONIAL INN was shut down upon an injunction to restrain a nuisance by Assistant State's Attorney Dwight Rogers Jr., Hollywood, Florida.
- c) The owners of the COLONIAL INN decided to dispose of the COLONIAL INN and then obtained possession of the La BOHEME Club, Broward County. It was operated as a gambling casino and Meyer LANSKY and Jack LANSKY took active part in the management and gambling operations of the club.
- d) During 1948—49 Meyer LANSKY and his associates operated the La BOHEME Club, the GREEN ACRES CLUB and the SHORE CLUB at Hollywood Beach, Florida as gambling establishments.
- e) In 1953 or thereabouts Meyer LANSKY & Jack LANSKY were propositioned by Cuban officials to take over the gambling concession of the MONTMARTE in Havana in an effort to lend some class to the gambling operations in Cuba. Meyer and Jack LANSKY accepted and operated it with Sammy BRATT as a front man. They did very well in this operation.
- f) On July 8, 1955 Jack LANSKY went via air from Miami to Havana, Cuba to meet his brother Meyer who had proceeded from NYC to Cuba. There they met Philip KASTEL, New Orleans racketeer, and other members of the syndicate from Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of this alleged meeting was to discuss plans for the purchase of a hotel or gambling casino in Havana.
- g) Santos TRAFFICANTE in 1958 was reportedly making several trips a week to see Jack LANSKY who was overseeing the operation of the gambling casino

at the Hotel National, Havana, Cuba for his brother, Meyer LANSKY.

- h) Tony VAUGHAN, manager of the Hotel National, stated in 1958 that Meyer LANSKY, Moe Bernard DALITZ, Sam TUCKER and Thomas McGINTY were the principal shareholders in the gambling casino at the Hotel National. VAUGHAN stated that the Hotel National was then receiving \$300,000.00 a year from the casino for rental and that in addition, the gambling casino paid for the high price entertainment that was brought in for the winter tourist season.
- i) Meyer LANSKY, Jack LANSKY and George SADLOW were suspected as of 1951 of having "behind the scenes" interests in the gambling operations of the Thunderbird Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. Their names did not appear on the gambling license of the hotel. In an extensive hearing before the Nevada State Tax Commission, Marion HICKS, President of the Thunderbird Hotel, admitted in testimony that he had used money advanced by George SADLOW in the operation of the Thunderbird Hotel. HICKS claimed that Meyer and Jack LANSKY were not financially involved in the operation of the Thunderbird Hotel.
- j) The Reno Evening Gazette, Reno, Nevada printed an article on June 24, 1955 stating evidence at a hearing relative to the gambling license of the Thunderbird Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, disclosed that the Marion HICKS of the Thunderbird Hotel had borrowed \$197,000.00 from George SADLOW who obtained part of it from Jack LANSKY, brother of Meyer LANSKY.
- k) On January 23, 1958 an informant advised that he believed that Jack and Meyer LANSKY at that time still had undisclosed interests in the Thunderbird Hotel. The informant had stated that George SADLOW had told the informant that "they" put up the bankroll for the casino operation of the hotel and received 25% of the profits from the casino in return for their investment. Informant stated that he recalled during 1948-49 Marion HICKS and George SADLOW made a trip to El Paso, Texas to obtain another bankroll for the hotel because they had incurred heavy gambling losses shortly after the hotel had opened, which caused them to lose their first bankroll.

- 1) William GALLAGHER, Nevada State Tax Commission member, stated on January 22, 1958 that records of the Gaming Control Board, Las Vegas, Nevada, contain no record of Meyer LANSKY or Jack LANSKY or George SADLOW as having any interest of record in the gambling establishments of Nevada.
- m) Jack LANSKY stated that he purchased substantial amounts of property in the general vicinity of the Tuscany Motel, 3800 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida, in which Meyer LANSKY has an interest. This land was purchased for a few thousand dollars and was valued at \$150,000.00 in 1958. He indicated that this property was reserved for his retirement.
- n) In 1942 Jack LANSKY bought the Old Vienna Night Club, later known as the Colonial Inn. In 1953 it was renovated and was transformed into the New Plantation Restaurant. This restaurant is managed solely by Daniel "Chick" RUBINO.
- o) Information was received that in the early 1930's the FOOD FAIR supermarkets chain was in poor financial condition and Meyer LANSKY put large amounts of money into the FOOD FAIR chain, either in the purchase of stocks or as an outright loan to Sam FRIEDLAND, President of FOOD FAIR and a long time associate of the LANSKY brothers. The same information has it that Meyer LANSKY and Jack LANSKY may have a hidden interest in the Diplomat properties bordered on the east by the Tuscany Motel mentioned above.

In a memorandum dated October 22, 1958 Narcotic Agent William T. Jones received reliable information that a notorious group of criminals then recently met in Los Angeles, California and then chartered or purchased all the seats on a Western Airlines plane on a flight to Las Vegas, Nevada. The passengers on this flight (flight number and date of departure not indicated by Agent Jones) were as follows: Meyer LANSKY, Longy ZWILLMAN (deceased), John BATTAGLIA, Marshall CAEFANO, Moe DOLITZ and one KLEINMAN (fnu). The reason behind this gathering was not definitely known.

In a memorandum dated November 21, 1958 Narcotic Agent Kenneth C. Rudd reported that on November 20, 1958 he conferred with Special Agent in charge Lawrence Schröll, Intel-

ligence Division, Internal Revenue Service, Miami, Florida. Agent Schroll stated that it had been brought to the attention of his office that Jack LANSKY arrived on 9-11-58 at Miami from Havana, Cuba on Pan American Flight No. 146 and that Jack LANSKY had in his baggage, not concealed, \$200,000.00 in cash and approximately \$50,000.00 in checks payable to one S.J. TUCKER. In doing so, Jack LANSKY violated no law in bringing money into the U.S.A. The aforementioned S.J. TUCKER was identified as Sam A. TUCKER, 1437 88th St., Surfside, Florida, associate of Jack and Meyer LANSKY and owner of the Desert Inn Gambling Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. Local newspaper accounts (Miami papers) at that time related that TUCKER and others at Havana were disposing of their Havana gambling interests in order to legally retain such like interests in Nevada. At the time the Internal Revenue had no information from Jack LANSKY as to the origin and destination of the money.

In a memorandum report dated February 2, 1959 Narcotic Agent William T. Jones referred to his memorandum dated October 22, 1958 and stated that reliable information was received to the effect that the meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1958 was concerned with the re-organization of the financial setup behind the Stardust Club in Las Vegas which has failed in 1958.

In a memorandum dated November 9, 1960 Narcotic Agent Eugene J. Marshall reported that recent information come to his attention that Meyer and Jack LANSKY have bought into the hotel chain comprising the ARISTOCRAT, AZTEC and MONACO MOTELS, all located on Collins Avenue, in Miami Beach and Hallendale, Florida. These motels are owned and operated by Irving LOVITT and Michael WASSEL. These two individuals are long time residents and real estate and motel operators in the Miami area. There is nothing in the public records to indicate that the LANSKYS have bought into the chain. However, according to Agent Marshall's source of information, the LANSKY brothers are and have been very friendly with both LOVITT and WASSEL.

Agent Marshall further reported that Jack LANSKY maintains a permanent room at the ARISTOCRAT MOTEL, Hallendale, Florida, although he maintains his home at 1146 Harrison Street, Hollywood, Florida. Agent Marshall has personally seen Jack LANSKY at this motel acting in a very familiar manner and being treated with respect by the employees of this motel.

Further information was received at that time that Meyer LANSKY was very sick during the summer of 1960. He was

currently supposed to be on a vacation trip either to NYC or somewhere in Massachusetts, the exact destination unknown.

On February 23, 1961 the following appeared in news reporter Lee MORTIMER's news column, New York Confidential, in the N.Y. Mirror:

"New York Waterfront hood Eddie McGRATH makes weekly calls in the Miami area on the following selected list: Jake LANSKY, 1146 Harrison St., Hollywood, Meyer LANSKY, 612 Hibiscus Drive, Hallendale, "Trigger Mike" COPPOLA, 4431 Alton Road, Miami Beach and Salvatore FALCONE, 5609 N.W. 7th Ave., Miami".

(Eddie McGRATH was formerly associated with the International Longshoremen's Association but was recently dismissed from the ILA. He is reportedly a heavy gambler and is reputed to be involved in every illegal racket operating in the Port of New York.)

("Trigger" Mike COPPOLA, mentioned above, is identical with Michael COPPOLA, Bureau of Narcotics International List No. 52. Salvatore FALCONE, mentioned above, is identical with the same Salvatore FALCONE who attended the 1957 underworld meeting at Apalachin, New York.)

Recent reports had it that during May, 1961 Meyer LANSKY was seen in the vicinity of Lexington Park, Maryland, however, discreet inquiry by Agents of the Bureau of Narcotics failed to substantiate this information.

- LEADS:
1. The Immigration and Naturalization Service advises that it is currently investigating the naturalization status of Meyer LANSKY. He is suspected of concealing some material fact at the time he applied for naturalization.
 2. Investigation by the Intelligence Division of the Internal Revenue Service of the following indicated undeveloped leads contained in the body of this report may very well form the basis of a successful tax evasion or tax fraud case against Meyer LANSKY.
 - a) On April 5, 1948 former Narcotic Agent Price Spivey reported that the CONSOLIDATED TELEVISION, 601 West 26th St., N.Y., N.Y. was racket owned by a group headed by Meyer LANSKY. This was not verified by the Bureau of Narcotics. Investigation by the Intelligence Division may uncover undisclosed interest by Meyer LANSKY in this firm.
 - b) On February 3, 1949, former Narcotic Agent William J. Craig reported that according to information received 18 months previously, Meyer LANSKY, Frank COSTELLO and Abraham ZWILLMAN (deceased) spent three or four days in Los Angeles, California with racketeer Mickey COHEN. It was also alleged at that time that Meyer LANSKY owned either a house or a ranch in the San Fernando Valley section of California. Inquiry by the Intelligence Division may reveal that Meyer LANSKY does own such and sundry properties in California which he has not claimed in his income tax returns.
 - c) It is alleged that in the early 1930's the FOOD FAIR supermarket chain was in dire financial straits and that Meyer LANSKY put large amounts of money into FOOD FAIR either in the purchase of stocks or as an outright loan to Sam FRIEDLAND, President of FOOD FAIR and a long time associate of the LANSKY brothers. FOOD FAIR is now a highly successful supermarket chain rivalling several of the well established national supermarket organizations. Perhaps Meyer LANSKY has had a continuous, undisclosed financial interest in FOOD FAIR as a result of his secret in-

vestments in that business in the 1930's. Further investigation by the Intelligence Division may reveal this secret financial interest.

- d) It is alleged that Meyer LANSKY and his brother Jack LANSKY may have a hidden interest in the DIPLOMAT Properties in Hollywood, Florida. According to an advertisement in the July 9, 1961 issue of the New York Times these properties contain a hotel and a country club. The DIPLOMAT chain also owns the following in Hollywood, Florida: The DIPLOMAT INN, The DIPLOMAT WEST and the DIPLOMAT EAST. They are advertised as luxurious establishments with features such as yacht dockage, olympic pool, cocktail lounges, sundecks, cabana colony and golfing. It is interesting to note that the N.Y. Times advertisement reflects Samuel FRIEDLAND as the owner of The DIPLOMAT. This Samuel FRIEDLAND is probably identical with the Sam FRIEDLAND of FOOD FAIR.
- e) The N.Y. Times advertisement also reflects one Irving COWAN as Vice President and one Jean SUITS as the Managing Director of The DIPLOMAT. The Intelligence Division may wish to look into the Background of these individuals for income tax purposes.
- f) The N.Y. Times advertisement further reflects the following telephone numbers to be called to arrange for reservations at the DIPLOMAT:
1. N.Y.: CI 7-7750
 2. Boston: AS 7-8948
 3. Philadelphia: LO 3-8820
 4. Chicago: 467-6082
 5. Detroit: WO 1-7765
 6. Washington, D.C.: FE 8-8782
 7. Atlanta: JA 4-3486
 8. Toronto: RU 2-2752
 9. Montreal: 6-7777

These telephone numbers may not necessarily be listed to independent travel agencies but to motels and hotels which are part of the DIPLOMAT chain of hotels etc. It is interesting to note that the DIPLOMAT Hotel and Country

Club of Hollywood, Florida is listed in the 1960-61 Washington, D.C. Telephone Directory as also having an address in Washington, D.C., namely, 1145 19th St., N.W. (telephone number: FE 8-6481). There is a DIPLOMAT Motor Hotel located at 1850 New York Avenue, N.E., Washington D.C. (telephone number : LA 6-1400).

- g) The Intelligence Division may wish to obtain the listings of the above telephone numbers and further look into the setup of The DIPLOMAT HOTEL and COUNTRY CLUB of HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA chain to determine if Meyer LANSKY has declared or undisclosed interests in this chain not reported in his income returns.
- h) The Intelligence Division may wish to search the real estate records of the DIPLOMAT PROPERTIES near the TUSCANY HOTEL, Hollywood, Florida. Jack LANSKY stated that for a few thousand dollars he purchased land in the vicinity of the TUSCANY HOTEL, 3800 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, Florida. Meyer LANSKY is said to have an interest in the TUSCANY HOTEL. Perhaps, further investigation by the Intelligence Division may uncover undisclosed interest by Meyer LANSKY in properties surrounding the TUSCANY HOTEL and in the hotel itself.
- i) On September 11, 1958 Jack LANSKY arrived in Miami, Florida on Pan American Flight No. 146 from Havana, Cuba. He had in his baggage, not concealed, \$200,000 in cash and approximately \$50,000.00 in checks payable to one S.J. TUCKER, identified as Sam TUCKER, 1437 88th St., Surfside, Florida, an associate of the LANSKYS and owner of the DESERT INN gambling casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. If the Intelligence Division has not already interviewed Meyer and Jack LANSKY and TUCKER, relative to the aforementioned monies found on Jack LANSKY, it appears this should be accomplished. Did Sam TUCKER report in his income tax returns the \$50,000 in checks payable to him in the possession of Jack LANSKY on September 11, 1958 as described above?

- j) The ARISTOCRAT RESORT MOTEL, Hollywood Beach, Florida, was advertised in the July 9, 1961 issue of the New York Times as one of the finest resort motels in the world, featuring two pools, oceanfront beach, spacious garden and sun-deck, nightly dancing and star-filled entertainment. Its specialty is "free golf daily, truly a golfer's paradise." The advertisement does not indicate the identity of ownership or management of the motel. It is a member of AAA, Diner's Club, American Express and Carte Blanche. Reservations could be made by telephoning Chicago: LO 1-1573 and N.Y.: LO 3-3483. The listings of these two telephone numbers should be obtained since they are probably additional motels of this chain. The Intelligence Division may wish to interview Irving LOVITT and Michael WASSEL, owners of record of the ARISTOCRAT, AZTEC, and MONACO hotels, Miami Beach, Florida, as to possible secret ownership of these hotels by Meyer LANSKY and his associates.
- k) The Intelligence Division may also wish to interview Marion HICKS and George SADLOW as to possible secret part ownership of the Thunderbird Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, by Meyer LANSKY and his associates.
- l) Meyer LANSKY is suspected of secretly owning the KENNEL CLUB, Hollywood, Florida. William SYMS Jr. is President of the KENNEL CLUB. He is the son of William SYMS Sr. (deceased), former owner of the KENNEL CLUB and close associate of Meyer LANSKY. William SYMS Sr. was allegedly a front man for Meyer LANSKY in the ownership of this club. Perhaps the Intelligence Division may wish to interview William SYMS Jr. as to secret ownership of this club by Meyer LANSKY and his associates.
- m) Investigation could be made of Bartolo LUCANIA, 7820 13th Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., N.Y., Lucky LUCIANO's brother. His income tax returns may disclose the cigarette vending machine properties secretly owned by Lucky LUCIANO and which were allegedly originally established with monies furnished by Meyer LANSKY (see page 13).
- n) Investigation of Bronx Fur Dressing (see pages

5 and 6) to determine whether there is any current declared interest of the LANSKY brothers.

- o) If it has not already been done, the Intelligence Division may wish to investigate the alleged introduction into the U.S.A. of \$12,000,000 in cash by VERA KRUPP, ex-wife of the President of KRUPP Munition Corporation of Germany, who was issued a license on January 24, 1957 by the State of Nevada to operate the NEW FRONTIER, a gambling casino in Las Vegas, Nevada (see page 15).
3. Daniel SULLIVAN, Operating Director of the Greater Miami Crime Commission, should be interviewed concerning information contained in his files which may possibly lead to a successful tax evasion or tax fraud case against Meyer LANSKY.
4. It might be possible to implicate Meyer and Jack LANSKY in the unsolved 1925 New York City murder of Pete BENDER (see pages 4 and 5). There is no indication in our files that witness Daniel Francis AHEARN is still alive. He was formerly close to Meyer LANSKY and even if he could not now assist in making a successful murder case against LANSKY, AHEARN might have information regarding LANSKY's current racket activities. The New York office of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics will handle this "Lead".